

# Charity Scam



**W**hen donating to a charity, make sure the money is going to the right cause and not into a crook's pocket.

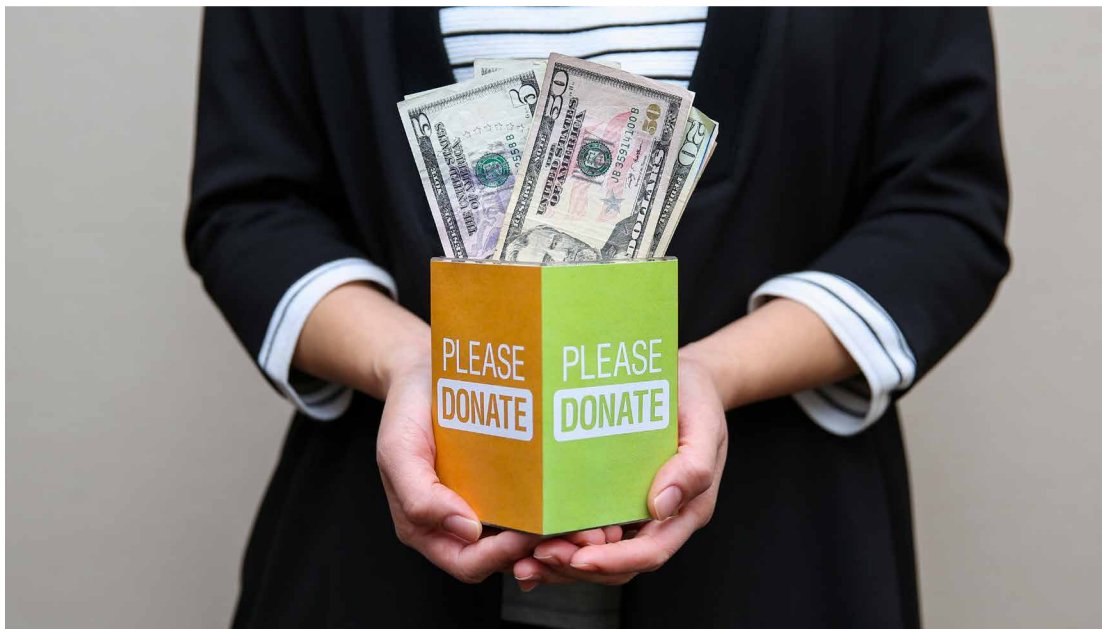
In the Charity Scam, con artists prey on people who are generous with their money and are looking to contribute to an organization.

So-called charities that are actually run by fraudsters may pop up after a natural disaster or during the holidays.

## Helpful Tips

- Do research; reputable charities tell how money is spent and if the donation is tax-deductible.
- Do not respond to emails or cold calls asking for contributions.
- Do not give cash donations.

To learn about other frauds, visit <http://da.lacounty.gov/community/fraud-alerts>



**IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU  
KNOW HAS BEEN THE  
VICTIM OF A SCAM, PLEASE  
CONTACT YOUR LOCAL LAW  
ENFORCEMENT AGENCY**



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